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The verb is like the sun.

*“... any unit (...) which is added semantically to a verb is added simultaneously to the entire sentence which is built around that verb, in the same way that anything which happens to the sun affects the entire solar system. In contrast, (...) a noun is like a planet whose internal modifications affect it alone, and not the solar system as a whole.”* (Chafe, 1970, p. 97)

